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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the International Search Report and the references cited therein were supplied when this application entered the U.S. national phase. The International Search Report indicates that U.S. Patent 5,766,335 is a substantively cumulative English language counterpart of EP 0803549.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the European Search Report. The European Search Report indicates that U.S. Patents 2003/075079, 2,865,778, 6,395,249 and 6,586,098 are substantively cumulative English language counterparts of WO 01/57287, DE 1041019, EP 1057782 and WO 02/10290 respectively.

Also enclosed herewith is a copy of WO 04/065295.

The Examiner is advised that copending patent application No. 10/504,412 filed August 9, 2004 deals with related subject matter.

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